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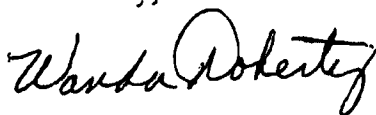
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a computer programmer and Microsoft user, I am writing to express my opinion of the recent antitrust case settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. Although I am happy to see that Microsoft will not be broken up, I do think the settlement as it stands is too harsh.

Microsoft has been the leading innovator of technology in the tech industry over the last decade. They have created and refined systems that have benefited the whole industry. While I do think that Microsoft should maintain better relations with computer makers and software developers, they should not have to disclose the secrets of their technology.

I am happy to know that this matter is being settled and I hope that no further litigation will be brought against Microsoft.

Sincerely,



Wanda Doherty